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EXTENSION OF THE FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

Note by the Administrator

1. The fifth country programme for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (1993-1996), a net contributor country, was approved by the Governing Council at its fortieth session. Owing to special circumstances that arose shortly thereafter, funds have not been available to ensure the timely implementation of the activities envisaged. Accordingly, the Government has requested the extension of the programme for one year. The objectives of the fifth country programme - human resources development and capacity-building; economic diversification; rehabilitation and maintenance of capital assets; management of the environment; and scientific research and the transfer of technology - remain valid for the extension period.

2. The extension will make it possible for the Government to complete ongoing and planned projects in 1997, including in the areas of capacity-building for vocational training and development planning, water resources development, and fisheries research. It will also facilitate the process of integrating the sustainable human development concept into joint Government/UNDP programming for the next period of cooperation. The first country cooperation framework will be submitted to the Executive Board at its first regular session in January 1998.

3. Against this background, the Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the fifth country programme for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1997.

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